COUNTY OF CHARLESTON Complainant, vs. The Wando Property Group, LLC 1024 Legends Club Drive Mount Pleasant, SC 29466 Wando Management Properties 4 Carriage Lane, Ste 106 Charleston, SC 29407 Respondents.

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

SHAC No. H-2-19-003 HUD No. 04-19-6527-8

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This compromise Conciliation Agreement is entered into by and between the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (hereinafter "Commission"), on behalf of "Complainant"), versus The Wando Property Group, LLC and Steve Priola (hereinafter "Respondents").

WHEREAS, a verified complaint was filed on April 3, 2019 by Complainant against Respondent alleging a violation of the South Carolina Fair Housing Law and dual-filed with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended.

I. CASE SYNOPSIS

Complainant alleged that Respondents subjected him to discriminatory terms and conditions, refused to negotiate rental, and threatened to evict him. Complainant stated that he has never been late with his rent and has been a good tenant. Complainant claimed Respondents did not provide a reason for terminating his lease. Complainant believes Respondents terminated his lease because of his race and in retaliation for reporting maintenance issues.

Respondents deny having discriminated against Complainant, but agree to settle the claims in the underlying action by entering into this Conciliation Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Commission and the parties hereto wish to reach a just resolution of the aforementioned dispute, and reach a full, equitable and final settlement of all matters arising out of the aforementioned complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree and stipulate to the following:



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II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The terms set forth herein are contractual and not merely a recital.

- A. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is a full settlement of the disputed complaint. The parties hereto state that they have read and fully understand the significance of the terms set forth herein and have executed this compromise Conciliation Agreement freely and voluntarily. No party has been coerced, intimidated, threatened, or in any way forced to become a party to this Agreement.
- B. By signing this Agreement both Complainant and Respondent state that they have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel regarding the effects of this Agreement.
- C. This conciliation agreement fully and completely resolves all issues arising out of SHAC Case #H-2-19-003/HUD Case #04-19-6527-8 through the effective date of this agreement. The Commission and the Charging Party will take no further legal action with respect to, and will not initiate any action pertaining to, the facts and events which led to the filing of the charge so long as the parties abide by the terms of this Conciliation Agreement.
- D. This Agreement, after it has been approved by the Commissioner of South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC), is binding upon all Respondents, their employees, successors and all others in active concert with them in the ownership or operation of 1102 Hillside Drive, North Charleston, SC, 29407
- E. It is understood that, pursuant to Section 31-21-120 (D) of the South Carolina Code of Laws Fair Housing Law, upon approval of this Agreement by the Commissioner of SCHAC, it is a public document.
- F. This Agreement does not in any way limit or restrict SCHAC's authority to investigate any other complaint involving Respondents made pursuant to the Fair Housing Law, or any other law within SCHAC's jurisdiction.
- G. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes closure of the complaint at HUD and South Carolina Human Affairs Commission upon a determination that Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) have complied with the terms of the Agreement.

III. PROVISIONS FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

In order to assure that the public interest is protected, Respondent, without admitting to any violation of the South Carolina Fair Housing Law or Federal Fair Housing Act, agrees to continue to take such affirmative action as may be necessary to assure the elimination of discriminatory housing practices and the prevention of their occurrence in the future, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. Respondents agree to comply with all federal and state housing laws.
- B. Respondents agree to apply consistently and objectively their standards for acceptance and rejection of housing applicants and their standards for lease terminations and non-renewals.
- C. Respondent agrees to allow any qualified person the right to purchase, rent, or occupy a dwelling



regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

D. Respondent and Respondent's employees agree to attend Fair Housing training provided by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission within six months from the date of the executed agreement at a time and date agreeable to all parties. Respondents are responsible for scheduling training with Commission in the appropriate period in order to remain in compliance with this Agreement.

IV. RELIEF FOR COMPLAINANT

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- A. Respondents agree to allow Complainant an extension of the move out date to April 30, 2019. Complainant agrees to fully move out of the subject unit on or before April 30, 2019.
- B. Respondents agree that there shall be no discrimination or retaliation of any kind against Complainant or any person who assisted the Commission in the filing of this charge or in the investigation of this matter.

V. RELEASE BY COMPLAINANT

A. Upon compliance with the terms of Paragraph IV through herein, Complainant agrees to release and forever discharge Respondent and Respondent's employees, agents, successors, insurers, and assigns from any and all claims which may be raised on account of the matters raised herein.

VI. BREACH OF CONCILIATED TERMS

- A. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to preclude the Commission and/or any aggrieved individual(s) from bringing suit to enforce this Agreement in the event that Respondent fails to perform the promises and representations contained herein. Neither does it preclude the Commission from filing charges in the future concerning events occurring after the execution of this conciliation agreement. The Commission shall determine whether Respondent has complied with the terms of this agreement. In the event that the Commission determines that Respondent has not complied with the terms hereof, the Commission shall send written notice to Respondent and Respondent shall be given a reasonable time period to remedy such non-compliance.
- B. Complainant(s) and Respondent(s) agree that this Agreement may be used as evidence in a subsequent proceeding in which any of the parties allege a breach of this Agreement.

VII. REPORTING & RECORDKEEPING

Parties shall submit proof of compliance with the terms of this Agreement to:

South Carolina Human Affairs Commission Fair Housing Division Attention: 1026 Sumter Street, Suite 101 Columbia, SC 29201



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The submitter of any documentation should include the SHAC and HUD case numbers, which are as follows:

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VIII. COMMISSION REVIEW

A. Subject to the provisions of Section 814 of the Fair Housing Act, as amended, 42 U. S. C. Section 3614, and in accordance with the provisions of State Regulations R. 65-225.G., the Commission may, from time to time, review compliance with this Conciliation Agreement, and, if necessary, recommend to the South Carolina Attorney General that a civil action be filed to seek the enforcement of any of the terms set forth herein.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement shall become effective on the date on which it is approved and signed by the Commissioner of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission.

Respondent

Complainant

(Date)

Respondent

(Date)

The Wando Property Group. LLC, Respondent

Representative

(Date)

April 19

Conciliator

(Date)

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Conciliator

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